

**West Jackson County Utility District
7200 McCann Road
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532
September 14, 2023**

Special Meeting

MINUTES

1.0 Call Meeting to Order:

The West Jackson County Utility District (WJCUD) convened the scheduled board meeting September 14, 2023, at the WJCUD general office building, 7200 McCann Road, Biloxi, MS. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mike Montgomery, Chairman of the Board at 9:05 A.M., and it was determined that a quorum was present. A notice was posted informing the public of the meeting time. The following individuals were present:

Mr. Mike Montgomery	Chairman, WJCUD
Mr. Bryan David	Vice-Chairman, WJCUD
Mr. Andy Westfall	Secretary/Treasurer, WJCUD
Ms. Joan Strayham	Commissioner WJCUD
Mr. Josh Danos	Board Attorney, WJCUD – called in
Mr. Brian Bennett	Interim Director / Construction Manager, WJCUD
Ms. Whitney McCarra	Accountant II, WJCUD
Ms. Donna Catalanatto	Human Resources, WJCUD

Members of the Public:

2.0 Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was presented by Donna Catalanatto.

3.0 New Business

3.1 2024 FY Budget

Mr. David made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strayham, to approve and execute the FY 2024 Budget beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Executive Session – If So Move

Mr. Westfall made a motion, seconded by Mr. David, to enter closed session to determine whether executive session is necessary and proper. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Westfall made a motion, seconded by Mr. David, to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. David made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strayham, to appoint Brian Bennett as the Deputy Director with an annual salary of \$90,000.00, effective September 18, 2023, but to continue as Interim Director until such time as a permanent Director is appointed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Strayham to appoint an interview committee to assist in the selection of a permanent Director. Said committee is to be comprised of Chairman Montgomery, Gerrod Kilpatrick, and Brian Bennett. The committee is to interview all four current candidates and recommend two for consideration by the full Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Westfall and passed unanimously.

Mr. David made a motion, seconded by Mr. Westfall, to enter open session. Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Westfall, seconded by Mr. David, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 A.M., September 14, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Andrew Westfall
SECRETARY/TREASURER, WJCUD